

**U.S. Department of Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Roseburg District, Oregon**

Swiftwater 2004 Instream Restoration Projects

EA# OR-104-04-08

Decision Record

An Interdisciplinary (ID) Team of the Swiftwater Field Office, Roseburg District, Bureau of Land Management has analyzed the proposed **Swiftwater 2004 Instream Restoration Projects**. This analysis and the "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) were documented in Environmental Assessment (EA) No. OR-104-04-08. A fifteen day public review and comment period was completed on July 7th, 2004. No comments were received.

This proposal is in conformance with the *Final - Roseburg District Proposed Resource Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement* (PRMP/EIS) dated October 1994 and its associated *Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resources Management Plan* (RMP) dated June 2, 1995.

The EA analyzes the restoration of spawning and rearing habitat in North Fork Big Tom Folley Creek (T21S, R7W, Sections 35 and 26), Big Tom Folley Creek (T22 and 21S, R7W, Sections 2 and 36), and Susan Creek (T26S, R2W, Section 14; W.M.) for resident and anadromous salmonids, through the enhancement of existing habitat and creation of additional habitat in the Elk Creek and Middle North Umpqua Watersheds.

The following clarification of the EA should be noted: The EA did not specify that the logs for placement in Big Tom Folley Creek will be obtained from private sources (direct purchase either from mill yards or logging operations). The logs for the Susan Creek portion of the project will come from an existing log deck noted on the Appendix B map.

Decision

It is my decision to authorize the implementation of the Proposed Action as outlined in EA #OR-104-04-08, pg. 2). The EA did not identify any impacts of the Proposed Action that would be beyond those identified in the EIS. These projects will be accomplished through contracts offered for bid or accomplished through cooperative arrangements during the summer construction seasons of 2004 through 2005.

Decision Rationale

The Proposed Action Alternative meets the objectives for lands in the Matrix and Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocations and follows the principles set forth in the *"Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resources Management Plan"* (RMP), the *"Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) on Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl"* (Feb. 1994) and the Record of Decision (ROD) for that plan dated April 13, 1994.

The EA describes two alternatives: a "No Action" alternative and a "Proposed Action" alternative. The No Action alternative was not selected because the EA did not identify any impacts of the Proposed Action that would be beyond those identified in the EIS. The No Action alternative would not meet the objective of restoring or enhancing spawning and rearing habitat for anadromous salmonids.

Cultural clearances have been completed according to protocol. No consultation was required.

Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Threatened and Endangered wildlife species is covered under the *Formal Consultation and Written Concurrence on FY 2003-2008 Management Activities* (Ref. # 1-15-03-F-160) (Feb. 21, 2003) which concluded (pg. 29) that the project would "... not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the spotted owl, murrelet and bald eagle, and are not likely to adversely modify spotted owl or murrelet critical habitat ...".

Consultation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – fisheries for Threatened and Endangered aquatic species is covered under the *Programmatic Biological and Conference Opinion* (October 18, 2002) which concluded (pg. 21) that the project "... is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of ... OC coho salmon, or OC steelhead". In addition, the proposed activities were analyzed for, and determined to not adversely affect Essential Fisheries Habitat (EFH).

This decision is based on the fact that the Proposed Action Alternative implements the Management Actions/Direction as stated in the RMP. The project design criteria as stated in the EA (Appendix C) protect the Riparian Reserves, limit erosion, protect wildlife, water quality, and fish habitat, as well as protect other identified resource values. This decision recognizes that impacts will occur to these resources, however, the impacts to resource values would not exceed those identified in the Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/EIS).

Comments were solicited from affected tribal governments, affected State and local government agencies and certain members of the public. No comments were received.

Compliance and Monitoring

Monitoring will be conducted as per the guidance given in the ROD and the RMP.

Protest and Appeal Procedures

Protests shall be filed with the authorized officer (William O'Sullivan) and shall contain a written statement of reasons for protesting the decision. Protests received more than 15 days after the publication of the Notice of Decision are not timely filed and shall not be considered. Upon timely filing of a protest, the authorized officer shall reconsider the decision to be implemented in light of the statement of reasons for the protest and other pertinent information available to him. The authorized officer shall, at the conclusion of his review, serve his decision in writing to the protesting party. Upon denial of a protest the authorized officer may proceed with the implementation of the decision.

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